ATHENS, PRIDAY, FEB. 26, 1888. OE .- All who feel an interest in beaulying the grounds of Forest Hill Academy. requested to attend on Monday and Tu-

Exterior Law .- A copy of the Exemp tion Law, passed by the present Legislature will be found on the outside of this paper. It silows every family as much as they need want, and a good many of them more than they will ever get,

ATREES PENALE COLLEGE .- The work on the College building is progressing, and we understand the Trustees expect to have it ready for the School early in the Summer .-The enterprise is one in which every member of the community ought to feel a deep interest, and we hope to see every obstacle to its success studiously avoided.

THE NEWS .- With the exception of an asional item in reference to Kansas, the advices from Washington are almost devoid of interest. The latest accounts give notice of several anticipated duels, originating in matters outside of the National Legislature It is said the advocates of the Lecompton Constitution are confident of being able to carry it through; while the other side are equally confident that the "swindle," as they term it, will be defeated. Andy Johnson has made a speech in the Senate, in opposition to the proposition to increase the Army, and in which he animadverted, in strong terms, upon the tendency of democratic administrations to run into extravagance. He says, substantially, that the party cry is, Retrenchment and Reform, but its practice is altogether in an opposite direction; and that at the rate they have been progressing for the last few years, by 1860 it will require one hundred and twenty-five millions per annum to carry on the government. In conclusion, he admonishes that henceforth they should proctice what they preach, least the people become indignant and hustle the party out of

From Nashville we have an occasional intimation that the Legislature "still lives," and that the session is drawing its slow length along towards a protracted close .-The bill to increase the capital of the Bank of Tennessee is among the more important measures being acted on. The proceedings in reference to it will be found in another column. Business at Nashville is said to be

The news from Utah and Salt Lake City is contradictory. Brigham Young continues to breath vengeance against the Gentiles, but the opinion begins to prevail that there will not be much fighting, but that the Mormons will succumb rather than risk a serious engagement with the United States troops,

The papers from the "Far West," contain about the usual amount of conflicting statements in regard to affairs in Kansas Territo ry. We have not the remotest auspicion that any one outside the limits of Kansas, ever has learned, or ever will learn the truth about the condition of things there until the miserable husiness is finished up. We give the "news," such as it is, from that interesting region, in another place.

At last solvices from New Orleans the Grocery market was active, with an advancing tendency. At the same time Bacon and Brendstuffs were drooping.

From the almost sudden and total disapwould seem that the Nicarauga excitement has about died out, run its race, and been consumed of its own fierceness. At last accounts, Gen. Walker was at his father's, at Nashville, meditating, perhaps, another brilliant campaign on the territory of his former hopes and more recent disappointments.

Recent advices from the milk-sick region represent the excitement about the location of the Southern University as quietly subsiding-murmuring itself away, gently and sadly, as the soft breeze that follows in the wake of the fierce hurricane. There are reasons for believing that the whole subject will be re-considered, and the location changed to some less objectionable point. The success of the enterprise certainly demands such a course.

From Knoxville and Chattanooga the papers bring us nothing of peculiar interest .-At the former, the slander and libel suits against Brownlow seem to have been an absorbing topic for several days. We learn verbally that in one case the defendant was acquitted, and in the other the jury failed to agree-ten being for acquittal and two for conviction. Libel suits are but poor speculations under any circumstances, in our opinion, and we have never known any one to make either money or reputation by engag-

Chattanooga has recently been blessed with a great religious revival, and we see, by the Gazette, that it has extended to the town of Harrison. There seems to have been, for benefit of the children of McMinn county some time, a great dearth in that portion of without regard to sex, which sum was to the moral vineyard, and should the work of be always kept at interest, and the interest regeneration now going on spread through- used exclusively in keeping up the school. out the county, we may safely count on a And in addition to this the State pays to the heavy fall off from the criminal side of the Trustees every year a bonus of \$230 for the Hamilton docket.

The "Celebrated Gipsey Case" has been the principal thing on the topis at Cleveland for the last two weeks, and for a few days it was thought that "coffee and pistols" would be the result. But a note from the Banner office advises us that the difficulty will be antisfactorily adjusted on the Ist Saturday of March without a resort to the "code."

In regard to local matters, with the exception of a fight or two in the "environs," the result of bust-head whiskey, we have nothing of striking interest to record this week.

Circuit Court for Rhea county will meet at Washington next Monday, 1st Inst.; and for Bledsoe county, at Pikeville, Monday following.

omtarive. In the Senate on the P will to appoint an additional Director for Branch of the Bank of Tennessie at Athas, such director to be a citizen of Blount county, passed the third time. On the 17th, House bill to incorporate Savings Institutions at Knexville and Chattamoogs, was indefi-nitely postponed. In the House, bill to reguate the sale of spirituous liquors, [license \$10, and ten per cent on stock | was read -fr. Hamilton offered bill in tieu, repealing quart law, and giving manufacturer's free privileges. Motion to table both, lost. Bill in heu adopted, and withdrawn for amend-

In the House, 19th, Mr. Richardson offered resolution tendering the thanks of both branches of the Legislature to Messra. Heiskell, Bullock and Bicknell, the sub-committee, appointed by the joint select committee on the Code, for the labor and attention which they have bestowed on this work, and declaring that they merit the confidence and ple. The resolution was and ed to be sent to the Senate.

adjourn sine die on the 15th of March.

In the Senate, Mr. Hill offered a resolution instructing the bank committee to inquire into the expediency of so modifying the bank not passed at the present session, so as to postpone the retiring of small notes until lan. 1, 1859; and to allow the stock and free banks which secept the provisions of the bank set, to receive and pay out the notes of the Bank of Texnessee and branches.

The following bills were rejected: To re peal the law requiring the notices of land sales to be advertised; To amend the practice in Circuit Courts; Authorizing Bank of Tennesses to issue \$1,000,000 post notes, payable in twelve months, tabled 30 to 29.

In the Scnate, 20th, the bill to amend the law of 1856, to prevent incompetent persons from teaching school, passed the third time. House bill to incorporate the East Tennessee Telegraph Company and the Nashville and Paducah Telegraph Company, passed the

In the House, Senate bill to extend further ime to the Knoxville and Charleston, and the South-Western Railroad Companies, pass-

22d, Senate resolution to amend the constitution so as to make the election of Governor. members of the Legislature, &c., quadrennial, passed first reading.

DAVIS' BASE BILL.-We understand the following to be the main provisions of the bill substituted by Senator Davis, to increase the capital of the Bank of Tennessee ;

"Provides for the sale of the stock of the State in the Turnpike Companies, the pro-ceeds to be paid to the State Bank. The ads of the State, payable in thirty years, bearing six per cent, interest, to be issued to amount of \$1,250,000; \$300,000 to catablish a branch bank at Memphis; \$150,000 to establish a branch at Knoxville; the remainder to be divided between the mother bank and old branch banks."

After an ineffectual attempt to lay the bill on the table, it was made the special order of the day for Tuesday last, the proceedings of which day had not reached us up to the hour of going to press. A gentleman from Nashville expresses the opinion that the bill will pass the Senate, but that its passage through the other House is doubtful,

NIGHT SESSICES .- Mr. Griffith, the member from Monroe, introduced a resolution in the House to hold night sessions, and argued its adoption in a good, sensible speech,-The resolution was adopted, after several attempts to defeat it. It is to be regretted that there are not more go-ahead business men, like Mr. Griffith, in the Legislature.

COUNTY JUDGE ELECTION .- The Nuchville Banner, of the 21st, says; The House tablishing County Judge for the countles of to the public. Davidson, Shelby, Knox, Williamson and held on the first Saturday in March. The law takes effect immediately, and the first election will take place next month.

Of the two hundred and thirty thousand Continental soldiers, and the fifty-six thousand militia, who bore arms during the Revolution, and went forth to fight for freedom in America, probably not two hundred are now out of the spirit land! Precious indeed should they seem to this generation, for in the next they will all be gone,

Owing, we presume, to the bad condition of the Nashville and Chattannoga Road, the mails from the State Capital are not as regular in their arrival as could be desired. However, occasional inconveniences of the kind are what the public must get used to.

Friend Parham, of the Chattanooga Gazette, gives notice that he will not sell that establishment. We are glad of it. The Gazette is one of the institutions of that promising town, and we should dislike to see t pass into incompetent hands, as might be the case in the event of a change.

For the Post. Will the Trustees of Forest Hill Academy procure the services of a Female Teacher, in connection with U. L. Yons, the present able and worthy Principal of that Institutions-By an act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the sum of \$1,250 was appropriated to Forest Hill Academy for the same purpose. There are many persons who wish to send their daughters and avail themselves of the benefits of this School, but will not do so unless the long established custom of having a Female Assistant Teacher is con-

NASHVILLE .- See advertisement of Mon-GAN & Co., Nashville, The house is long established, and among the largest and best in the South and West.

"PORTER AND PORTRIE."-We have been favored with a perfect avalanche of dogerel, in. Look at James! he started without from "Yankee B," "River Hill," "Hardscrab ble," aird divers other sources. A reasonsble amount of a good thing is well enough an extreme case. I don't expect you to do

CONGRESSIONAL WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- In the Senate

lay Mr. Houston, of Texas, introduced his lution about assuming a protectorate over Central America. The resolution was aid on the table. The army bill again dis-

pointed under Mr. Harris' resolution, met today, and refused to subporns Messrs. Walker, Stanton and Calhoun, to give testimony before them, under the belief, as is understood, that the information they can obtain from the Executive department will be sufficient for all the practical purposes of their Investigation.

It is reported that the majority of the Senate committee on Territories have prepared a simple bill for the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

Feb. 18 .- Mr. Green's report from the Senate Committee on Territories, recites at ought to receive the thanks of the whole peo- length Kanses matters, and charges the ab-The resolution was adopted and order olitionists of Kansas with having no desire The House adopted a resolution, 49 to 9, to settle the question at the ballot box and der the Lecompton Constitution.

will. He says that the election of the fourth of January is the only lawful one.

Messrs Collamer and Wade say, that the Territorial Government of Kansas has never sen organized or provided for, in the organe set but was usurped by Foreign forces, conquered and subdued by arms and a minority installed and the administration sustains this to perpetuate slavery.

SENATE-On motion of Mr. Hamlin the rmy increase bill was limited to two years

Feb. 19 .- The D-mocrats of the Senate will amend the Lecompton Constitution to allow the people of Kansas to alter at pleas-Feb. 22 .- No hostile meeting has yet ta-

ken place between Mr. J. B. Clay and Col. Cullum. Both are said to be absent from the city, and their friends seem anxious to revent a decision on the field. Ex-Lieutenant Rhind and his friend Mr.

Corrie, from South Carolina have been held to bail in the sum \$2,500 each, for posting Commander Boutwell,

Analterestion took place yesterday beween Lieutenants Bell and Williams of the Army, and it is said blows were exchanged, and a duel between them is now pending. Feb. 22, P. M .- It is understood here that

Mr. Clay and Col. Callum have left with their friends. Every effort to reconcile the parties proved unavailing. COMPLIMENTARY .- The South Side Demoerat pays the following left-hand compliment to those numberless aspirants for the Presi-

dency that infest the great Democratic Church, It says: "We have candidates for the White Hous without number, all struggling to keep their names before the country by some ad captan-dum appeal, and who, so far from earing for their country, do not even care a fig for their party, except as a convenient stepping stone

political honors." WASHINGTON ITEMS,-The President has emoved Mr. Price, Postmaster at Chicago, and re-appointed Mr. Cook, his immediate edecessor. He has also removed Mr. Milr, Postmaster at Columbus, Ohio, and apointed ex-Governor Medary in his place,desers. Price and Miller were appointed

during the recess of Congress. General Calhoon on Tuesday placed in the ossession of the Senate Committee on Territories his statement relative to the election yesterday took final action upon the bill es- in Kansas. He is also preparing an address

An official statement shows that the whole number of passengers arriving from foreign The bill provides that the election shall be countries last year was 271,558, of which 169,000 were females.

RIDING THE EAGLE.-The dog-star must be raging in the latitude of Aberdeen, Miss. The editor of the Sunny South seems to be in a high state of excitement. Hear him in his call to his countrymen :

"Rise in the majesty of Southern chivalry, and rebuke the foul spirit that courses through the land. "Now is the winter of our discontent," and shame upon the syco-phant that licks the hand that is raised to smite him. The Southern waters are agitated. Pangs and curses upon him who cries.

He evidently forgot to add, "Root diminutive swine, or die!"

WILL BE ALLOWED TO EAT MEAT. - The ast number of the Freeman's Journal New York Catholic paper,) announces that the Pope has granted indulgences to the Army and Navy officers of the United States to eat ment during the approaching season of Lent.

HIT 'EM Agin !-Of all the mean and conemptible men in this world, he that sneaks through life on tiptoe, with his car at the keyhole of everybody's business, expt his own, is the most to be detested.

The resolutions introduced into the egislature some time since, instructing Hon-olin Bell to resign his seat in the Senate, save finally passed, and a copy forwarded to John Bell to resign his seat in the Sente, have finally passed, and a copy forwarded to the distinguished Senator. Some two or three weeks were consumed, and thousands of dol-lars expended in considering these resolutions. It strikes us that our Legislators might spend It strikes us that our Legislators might spend their time more profitably; if not, they ought to adjourn and go home. The Democratio members went there pledged to retrenchment and reform. The people can see how they are fulfilling their pledge. Like most of the pledges made by the democracy, previous to an election, it has been sadly broken. In stead of doing something to relieve to people of the embarrassments brought about by the late panic, they have spent weeks in discussing the question whether John Bell ought to resign his seat in the Senate or not. The Domocratic party, being in the majority, are of course responsible for this useless waste of the public time. If Mr. Bell falls to treat those resolutions with the contempt they deserve, he is not the man we take him to be.—
Lebanon Herald.

COMMERCIAL GENIUS .- Fond parent (to his son) - Yes, New York is the place to get on penny, and has lately failed for a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Of course that's at all. We may, perhaps, publish some of the "favore" when we can find room for in a few years fail for fifty thought out, the hour." the "favors" when we can find room for in a few years, fail for fifty thousand dol-

IMPORTANT TO RAILROAD COMPANIES. A very important principle to railroad companies, as well as to the whole travelling public, was ruled by Judge Woodward, of the apreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the long contested suit of O'Brien vs. the Philadel phis, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad

Company. The Philadelphia Ledger:

"The suit was brought for damages for per-sonal injuries austained by the plaintiff while erossing in a two horse wagon the track of the railrend. The case was prosecuted and the railrend. The case was prospected and defended by several of our ablest counsel and the trial occupied three or four days, re-sulting in a verdict for the defendants, every point being elaborately discussed. Judge Woodward charged the jury substantially as follows: "Ist. That a person about to cross a railroad track, as in duty bound to stop and look in both directions, and listen before crossing. 2d. That if the plaintiff contributed in the slightest degree to the accident in question, he could not receive, although the railroad company were neglighed." This, in our opinion, is not only good law, but common sense. The idea that has so long prevailed that railroad companies are to be made mon sense. The idea that has so long vailed that railroad companies are to be r responsible for all the consequences from col-lisions on the lines of their respective roads whether they were negligent in attending to their duties or not, needed the check which Judge Woodward, in his ruling has given it der the Lecompton Constitution.

Mr. Donglas' report dissents because there is no satisfactory evidence that the Lecompton constitution is the act and deed of the people of Kansas or embodies their will. He are that the alternative of the people of the people of Kansas or embodies their will. and the individual always the victim, award-ing him promptly, full, and sometimes exem-plary damages, has tended to make them reckless of the damages that may ensue to therailway company's property, and the lives of their passengers and employees. If courts and juries had set out in the first establish-ment of railroads with the principle of hold-ing private travel liable for damages to rail-road companies and their passengers the oad companies and their passengers the number of accidents would no doubt have been greatly lessened. The tendency has been not only to make individuals criminally less, but has even opened the door to the licious and knavish, to put, comparati licious and knavish, to put, comparatively, saless property, in the shape of horse flesh and cattle, in the way of danger, that a good round price might be obtained, and perhaps some private pique and malicious purpose gratified. The Wilmington Railroad Com-pany has acted wisely in resisting this wrong, and Judge Woodward has done himself sig-nal credit in righting it.

127" The Lynchburg Virginian says from all accounts, the split in the Democratic par-ty, growing out of the question of the ad-mission of Kansas, bids fair to be permanent and irreconcilable. A caucus of the Demo-eratic members of Congress was held in Washington city a few nights since, for the purpose of restoring harmony to the party— but the result was only to show that the difbut the result was only to show that the dif-ference between the two wings, was so wide as to preclude all hope of union. The mem-bers opposed to the admission of Kansas, fearful of their popularity at home, and their diffeat at the next election, maintained their ground firmly and decisively. On the other hand, the friends of the Administration, un-willing to allow insubordination in the par-ty ranks, gives a disposition to expel these ty ranks, evince a disposition to expel these men the party, and to excommunicate them from the church of the faithful, without qual-

will be shocked, as well as grieved, at the tion or not, we do not pretend to know; but tilings of another fearful persecution of Christians in Madagascar. This last perseteristic of the man. He was not the first to cution, which followed the expulsion of a number of Frenchmen from the capital in Party is broke; nor is he the only ambitious July last, seems to be more severe than any political capitalist who took stock in the conby which it had been preceded. Thirteen cern, and failed to secure a share of the divipersons have been put to death; between fifty | dends. In fact, it has yielded no dividends, and sixty had been subjected to the ordeal of had died; nearly sixty were bound in chains, wretchedly managed. The stock is at a of whom two had died; while a number had been reduced to slavery.

SAPET OF INVESTMENTS IN REAL ESTATE. -We find a very sensible article in the February number of Hunt's Merchant's Magazine upon red estate investments and usury It is worthy the consideration of both borrowers and lenders:

"We agree with the economical sector is the Pailadelphia Ledger, that in the long run, those sien get to be the richest, as al past experience proves, who invest most of their surplus capital in good mortgages and real estate. It is astonishing how accumulates, even at 6 per cent., if divicurities, rarely, or never, bring loss; and hence there is no drawback on the compounding interest. The fact is notorious, that, of the Philadelphia families who were rich a cen-tury ago, only those remain rich that keep the bulk of their wealth in real estate. No business man can afford, for any long period, to pay two per cent. for money. To demand to pay two per cent, for money. To demand such high rates, is, therefore, not sound policy in the capitalists; and the history of the rich in this, or any other city, if traced back hundred years, affords abundant proof of this. It is wiser, believe us, not to 'kill the goose that lays the golden eggs."

THE GREAT QUESTION .- The Charleston Mercury, the veteran and approved organ of those who are distinguished in political discussions as the friends of Southern rights, says: "In the present emergency it is important that the Southern Press should give a general and decided support to the Adminis-of the gas pipe; eight or ten persons were tration in its position upon the Kansas ques-severely injured. Two or three whom are tion. With unanimity and decision on the part of the South, we have no fears of the result. The reference of the President's Message to a select committee by a bare majority of the House, is not at all decisive of the question of the admission or rejection of Kansas; and when the bill from the Senate, providing fer the admission of Kansas and Black Republicans and their nominal Democratic allies. In the meantime, let the South stand firm.

A Disusion THREAT .- The Washington Star says:

"Few men are better informed than our selves upon the state of feeling among memers, (of Congress,) and we are satisfied were Minnesots, with all her disregard of the enabling act passed in her case, to be admitted into the Union, and Kansas, on account of the constitution with which she applies be refused admission, no ten Southern Repre-sentatives and Senators would remain a day sentatives and Senators would remain a day longer in either hall of Congress. The day for further compromises on the slavery ques-tion is passed."

Bacon in one of his essays savs :

"Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importanate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle repose beneath the shade of the oak, chew repose beneath the snade of the oas, chew the end and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the inhabi-tants of the field; that of course they are many in number; or that, after all, they are

"Go it Brigham while you're Young."

FROM WASHINGTON.

February 19 .- Both Houses kave adjourn ed over to Tuesday next, to afford an opportunity for members to attend the ceremoniof the inauguration of the statue of Washington at Richmond, on Monday, the 22d.

Gov. Floyd and a large party will go down to-morrow night.

The Army bill still hangs in the Senate. The pending question is upon the employnent of four thousand volunteers. The objection to the measure is the great expense attending it. The army new consists of about eighteen thousand men, supposing all the companies to be filled up to the authorized number of seventy-four. Beyond this amount, Congress is not disposed to go,

Some of the speakers in the Senate, in regard to the necessity of augmenting the nrmy, have thrown cold water upon the Utah

The Senate will not dispose of the Army bill before the end of next week. After that the Kansas admission bill, yesterday reported from the Committee on Territories by Mr. Green, of Missours, will be taken up, and pressed to a conclusion. Mr. Green's report is able and conclusive. Congress has nothing to do, as he shows, with the approval or disapproval of the Constitution of a State, but simply to see whether it be the legal Constitution of a new State, and whether it be republican in form; whether the boundaries proposed be admissable, and whether the number of inhabitants be sufficient to justify a State organization. The bill for the admission of Kansas will pass the Senate by a majority of six or eight. But it may be necessary to resort to the previous question in the Senate, for the purpose of restricting the discussion within reasonable limits. The Republican Senators claim thirty days for speeches, which is unreasonable. Henry Clay, at one time, advocated the adoption of the previous question in the Senate, in order to put on, and to debate, and obtain a vote on a question.

The Special Committee of the House on the Kansas message, have agreed to investigate only one subject-the legality of the apportionment of the delegates for the Lempton Convention.

The report of the Committee will tend to facilitate instead of embarrassing the passage of the Kansas admission bill.

Colonel Orr showed much judgment and tset in constituting this important committee. The Black Republicans alone censure the selection .- Cor. Ch. Cor.

BANKRUFT .- I took stock in the Demo eratic Party, and came on here to Washing-ton to secure my share of the dividend; but on my arrival, I found the d-d thing broke.—James C. Jones.

The Columbia (Tennessee) Mirror says The friends of humanity and religion "Whether Senator Jones made this declarathey say he did, and that language is characdiscover that the Great National Democratic unless you put down the stealage under that tangent, or prison water, under which eight head. The institution has been, and still is, heavy discount all over the Union, and is daily depreciating. Its bonated sinking fund -the Kansas-Nebraska biil and the principles therein involved-has been swept away long sgo; and if what is left of its capital stock were divided out to-day among the shareholders, the largest amount distributed would not buy the vote of a single railroad Irisis-

"Of the many splendid promises which the Administration made the people, not one has been redeemed at maturity; they have all faintest effort to "pay them out," With such dends and rents are invested quarterly, or dends and rents are invested quarterly, or even semi-annually. Investments in real settle thing (we omit Senator Jones' pious expletive "by particular request") is bankrupt, That it is bankrupt, nobody pretends to doubt; and the worst of it, or rather, the best of it, is, that bankruptcy is utterly hopeless; for its liabilities exceed its assets by at least five hundred per cent.

HANGING OF A POISONER,-James E. Eldridge but twenty one years of age, was hung in the jail yard at Canton, New York, hing in the jail yard at Canton, to pois on Friday last, for having murdered, by pois oning, a young widow named Sarah J. Gould, on the 30th of May last, under the most diabolical circumstances. Eldridge was a school teacher, respectably connected; his victim twenty-four years of age, and represented as a worthy woman, to whom he was engaged to be married.

CINCINSATI, Feb. 20,-The Methodist Protestant Church near Race street, was partly destroyed by fire last night by an explosion severely injured. Two or three whom are not expected to live.

Sr. Louis, Feb. 20.—The Pacific Hotel

was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morn-ing, eight or ten persons were killed and many seriously injured by jumping from the anny seriously injured by jumping from the vindows. Utah advices from Fort Scott to Jan. 1st.

The troops were in good spirits, waiting good weather and reinforcements to make a providing fer the admission of Kansas and Minnesota is presented to the House, we well advised of the movements of the Saints. shall have sees which cannot be evaded, and which will be too strong for the nerve of the mails were making good progress, having met many Indians all friendly.

> CARROT PANTALOONS .- This is the name of a new style now in vogue at Washington and elsewhere, we suppose. The State

Each side of these new-fashioned nethe Each side of these new-rashioned nether garments is modied after a carrot, fitting tightly at the ankles, and becoming bulbons as they ascend towards the waist. They are only seen in perfection when displayed by hoops, which appendages are actually worn by a few of the "decimed folia, ab." exquisites who promenade the sunny side of the Avenue.

Indian Deprenations in Texas.-Startling intelligence has been received at Austin, Tex-as, of Indian depredations in Brown county, of that State. Five persons had been mur-dered in cold blood, and the settlers generdered in cold blood, and the settlers generally, alarmed at the unchecked enormities of the savages, dividing into three separate parties, had taken refuge in the adjacent forts.—
The legislature of Texas has passed a bill for the raising and equipment of one hundred men, and an appropriation for the purpose of seventy-five thousand deliars. A public meeting had been held in Austin when resolventy ing had been held in Austin, when resolu-

DEFEAT OF THE ADMINISTRATION. The resolution of Mr. Harris, of Illinois, for select committee on the Lecompton Constitution was the test question with the Administration, and yet the Administration was shamefully defeated, not withstanding the Democracy have an overwhelming majority in Congress, and were aided, besides, by ten Southern Whig members. Commenting on ful: this extraordinary fact, the Raleigh Register

"We said weeks ago that the Administra-

remarks as follows:

tion of Mr. Buchanan had failed egregiously in the first year of its existence, and while backed by a Congress of its own party kid-ney. No preceding Administration, coming into power under such auspices, has ever in-curred so miserable a fate. Elected on the ground that his success was necessary to quell the fell spirit of Abolition, and thus save the Union, he finds himself deserted as soon as the issue is made in Congress upon the great test question of the convass, by the very men upon whom he had most claim for support.— From his own Keystone State, of which he aunts himself the 'favorite son,' no less than ive members, to wit: Messrs, Hickman, Owen, Jones, Chapman, Montgom-ry and Dewart, have deserted him, by responding age to the resolution referring the President's message recommending the Lecompton Constitution to a select committee. Had three of these natural allies of the South and Pennsylvania Democrats, voted the other way, the message would have been referred to the Standing Committee on Territories, and thus the friends of the Lecompton Constitution would have attained their object. Besides these Pennsylvania Democrats who thus contributed to thwart the President and the other friends of Lecompton, Messrs, Harris, Smith, Morris, Shaw and Marshall, of Illinois.—Eng-lish, Foley and Davis, of Indians.—Haskin of New York, and Groesbeck, Miller, Burns, Cox, Lawrence and Hall, of Ohio-all roaring Democrats—all Circinenti platform men, and natural allies of the South, went for the se lect committee, or, in other words, against Lecompton, or, in other words still, against slavery in Kansas. The effect of this decision will be to keep the question open for an in-definite time, and, in the end, bring in Kansas as a Free State. We see now the true value of Democratic professions and pretences.— With full power to perform all they promised, they have failed at the first puch of the lill. Will any body hereafter have the ef-fontery to tell Southern men, that they must look to Northern Democrats for aid and com-fort? And what will be said by the sheep stomached gentry who ratted the Whig joined the Democratic party, because the lat-ter were the especial friends of slavery? Will they not say to themselves in the plural what Falstaff said of himself in the singular - What thrive doubled asses were we? any rate, if they don't say it, they'll think it, and we, for one, will say it of them with the unction of one who speaks gospel truth."

POLITE ROBBERS .- The Detroit Advertiser gives an account of a burglary, which, to say the least, was managed as courteously as such an operation could be. A party entered the house of Mr. G. M. Trowbridge, near Birmingham. They went to Mr. T.'s bed, told him not to stir; allowed him in the dark to feel the edge of their knives; asked if Mrs. T. was in bed, and getting a reply in the affirmative, apologized for their unsensonable visit, but assared her of safety. Two remained in the bed room while the rest of the gang ransacked the bouse and carried away everything of value, consisting of silver jewelry, clothing, a set of furs, &c., &c., first having made a hearty meal in the pantry.

INTERESTING FROM CENTRAL AMERICA .-Advices from Nicaragua announce that the treaty negotiated between Mr. Yrisarri and ar government had been ratified, and also that the treaty between Costa Rica and Nicaragua had been rejected by the first named Republic. These events would, it was thought, ead to the renewal of hostilities. There were great rejoicings in Granada on the receipt of the news of the capture of General Walker by the United States naval forces.

A Working Legislature.—The Legislature of Texas is a remarkable body, and its been suffered to go to protest without the labors without a parallel. They have a large time have been holding three sessions a day -forenoon, afternoon, and at night. To these they have recently added a fourth, a session before breakfast. The Austin Gazette years ago, and has since been renewed beand goes to work.

THE BANK BILLS PASSED .- It will be seen by reference to the letter of our Frankfort correspondent that the bill rechartering the Bank of Kentucky, Northern Bank, and the Bank of Louisville (which was amended in the House of Representatives) has passed both Houses—the Senate concurring in the House substitute—by a vote of 23 to 11.— We congratulate the public on the settle-ment of this vexed question in a manner which seems to be satisfactory to the people and the Banks .- Louisville Journal

MURDER-AN ATEMPT AT RESCUE.-We learn from the Mt. Sterling Whig that "a great deal of excitement exists at the present time in Johnson county. It appears that one or several of the Ward family, which is a very large and extensive one, killed a man, One of the Wards was arrested and placed in jall, when a short time afterwards, a party of seventeen, composed of the Wards and their friends, attacked the jail and attempted to rescue the prisoner. The people now gathered from all quarters and drove back the rescuers, and in the melec killed one of the Wards. The jail has since been barricaded and is guarded night and day, as another assault is anticipated by a larger force. Our information is up to Saturday since then we have not heard any thing.—
The next news we anticipate to hear of
more bloody work."—Louisville Courier

CLEREAL ITEMS .- Rev. J. J. Dans, of South Adams, Mass, has caused ic that village, by a sermon entitled "Th Hole in the Wall, or South Adams as it is. Its rebukes seem to have been sinted at sins at home, instead of the faults of the heathen in Asia, or the stubbornness of the Jews 2000 years ago, and could not fail, therefore, to be rather exciting. Mr. Dana said the sixth commandment of the manufacturer is, Six days shall thou labor and do nil the work, and on the seventh make thy repairs."

FROM THE UTAH ARMY .- A letter has PROM THE UTAH ARMY.—A letter has been published, written by Col. A. S. Johnston, the commander of the Utah army, to a member of his family in Louisville, Ky., dated at Camp Scott, near Fort Bridger, December 12th, 1857, the following extract from which embraces all that is of any general interest:

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"Some think the Mormons, when it is neces mit to the Government. I do not agree with them. I think their fanaticism and villany will lead them to try one encounter at least; and I think our government ought to desire it. ing had been held in Austin, when result-tions were adopted urging the legislature to provide the most ample and speedy means for the protection and security of the frontier quest. We could then dictate to them the terms of adjustment."

LATE AND IMPORTANT FROM SALT

Below we give some important intelligence from Salt Lake, received by way of Carson Valley. The news is neither clear nor connected. The main fact appears to be, that the troops attempted to force a passage through Echo Canon, but were unsuccess-

SACRAMENTO, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1858. Messrs, Middleton and Pearson arrived at Carson Valley on the 6th, and Mr. Pearsen Careon Valley on the 6th, and Mr. Pearsen has just arrived from Carson Valley via the Big Tree Route. They brought an express from Washington to Harris Fork, for Colonel Johnston. On December 7, Col. Alexander, with the 6th dragoons, had attempted to force their way through Echo Canon; in the attempt four of the dragoons were killed.— Thinking it impossible to force the pass, Col. Johnston, who had assumed command of the troops, retired, and in a few days dispatched Col. Alexander, with twenty-eight dragoons as an escort, to St. Louis, to obtain supplies. Col. Johnston then retreated a short distance, to Sulphur Springs, and took the Sublette cut-off, around to the north of Sult Lake, to Box Elder, from which Messrs. Middleton and Pearson start of December 13.

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Col. Johnston was there at the time with the second and third dragoons and light artillery, seven six-pound and five twelve-pound Paixhans. He has sent foraging parties, fifty men each, and hes obtained 2,400 cattle and the senting of the light. other supplies of all kinds. The Colonel has pickets out all the way from Box Elder to Gravelly Ford of from forty to sixty men .-An escart of seven drago as came with the expressmen to Gr velly Ford, They brought spatches which were sent to Gen. Clark, at Beniclas to-day.

Col. Johnston's command has plenty of

wood, water and provisions; the M wood, water and provisions; the Mormons sell him all he wants. He will attempt to enter Sait Lake City about the 1st of May, as he expects Harney will arrive on the other side about that time.

There are three companies of dragoons at

Fort Bridger. Fort Supply, twelve miles south, has been evacuated by the Mormons, and the troops have possession of it. Mr. Pearson has seen no snow since leaving Car-son Valley. Johnston's command have experienced no inconvenience whatever from snow, not having seen any. Harney will have the second dragoons and three companies 13th mounted regiment. Five companies rifles will arrive on the 11th. Mr. Pearson thinks the Mormons wish to leave Salt Lake, if they ; but their escape is now cut off. He saw

GARROTING IN BALTIMORE. - On Wednesday night last, about nine o'clock, as Mr. Frederick Wright was passing along Calvert street, Baltimore, he was accosted by two men, who spoke familiarly, asking him where he was going. He told them, perfectly unsuspecting anything wrong. Immediately one of them threw a rope around his neck from behind, while the other robbed him of a gold watch and chain, valued at fifty dollars, eight dollars in money, and a check for \$200. When he found the fix he was in, he told the robbers not to kill him, but take all he had. They cleaned him out and left him.

WRITING .- Life Blustrated, speaking of the long, prosy articles to be met with in too many of the so-called "newspapers," says: It is the easiest thing in the world to write a newspaper to death, or to make one's self dull and the reader stopy. All that is required is long articles of the one case, and the use of all the words one can dilute his ideas with in the other. No one whose thoughts are not precise and clear can ever write short articles. Anybody can make long ones.

CLARKSVILLE, Feb. 20 .- A shocking murdense as perpetrated about 7 o'clock, loss evening, in the lown of New Providence, by a negro man upon his master Mr. Jos. H. Harris, a respectable tobacconist of that town. Mr. II. was setting in his office when the negro entered and split his head terribly with an axe, dragged him to the fire, burnt him severely, and then set the office on fire. The negro was brought here and placed in joil, but this morning a crowd of Mr. H's. friends took him out of jail and hung him upon the scene of his crime.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- J. B. Clay and countre at Brown's Hotel. Cullum slapped Clay's face.

Ex Lieutenant A. C. Rhind posted Com-modore Boutwell as a liar and coward. The difficulty originated on the Pacific several

HEAVY DEPALCATION OF A BANK AGENT. -It is corrently reported in Augusta, says the Savannah Georgian, that the Agent of two of the interior South Carolina Banks, at Memphis, Tenuessee, has disappeared, leaving \$80,000 of cash unaccounted for, \$20,000 in bills of exchange, of very doubtful charac-ter taken for their account—every part of which, that has fallen due, had been protes-

WASHINGTON, N. C., Feb. 17 .- The steamer Magnolia, bound to Fayetteville from this point, whilst discharging freight at Whitehall, burst her boiler. The explosion caused the death of fifteen to twenty persons. Ten bodies have been found, and there are several whose bodies have not been discovered,-There were some ladies and children among the killed.

Hosicips.—On Thursday morning last a Coronor's inquest was held over the body of Sophia Phillips, of this place, who was found dead in bed. The verdict of the Jury was, dead in bed. The verdict of the Jury was, that deceased came to her death from a blow on the head with a piece of iron, inflicted by her husband, George Phillips. Phillips is now confined in jail to wait his trial. Both drunk.—Dahlonega Signal.

Sr. Louis, Feb. 19:-- The Kansas corresndent of the Democrat, of this city, states pondent of the Democrat, of this city, states Challis, Democrat, is elected from Atkinson county to fill the vacancy in the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Carr.

A resolution has been introduced into the legislature at Topeka, authorizing Governor Robinson to solicit aid, if there should be a state of the form the Governors of friend-

necessity for it, from the Governors of friend-New York, Feb. 19 .- A correspondent to a house in this city, state that the Adriatic

SALE OF MULES IN NATCHEZ .- The Natchex Free Trader of the 13th inst., notices a sale of about forty nules in that city at an average price of \$160. There were some 450 mules on sale in that market.

There were 443 deaths in New York ast week, including 82 of consumption and

New York, Feb. 22 .- The bank statement shows a decrease in loans of \$16,591,000, decrease in circulation (53; Increase in specie \$1,189,802; Increase in nominal deposits \$2,543,730; Increase in undrawn deposits \$152,775.

CISCINSATI, Feb. 22.—Flour \$3 80s \$3 90. Whisky 171. Hogs 6.64. Provisions inac-tive. Bacon 64 and 84 for Shoulders and Sides.